Non-completion of some Road Projects

†601. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road projects, State-wise, which could not be completed till date during the last one decade due to paucity of funds;

(b) whether National Highways do not exist in some of the States but there is excessive traffic in those States;

(c) if so, whether any factual reasons have been ascertained therefor; and

(d) whether any follow-up action has been taken up in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) There are no projects which could not be completed till date due to paucity of funds during the last one decade.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Broadening of Stilwell road in Arunachal Pradesh

602. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to broaden the Stilwell Road in Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) is so, whether its status has been raised to National Highway level; and

(c) by when the actual work would begin?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) The Stilwell road passing through Assam and Arunachal Pradesh has been declared as National Highway No. 153. The development of this NH will be

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taken up after its entrustment to the State Government depending upon *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

(c) It is too early to indicate date of start of actual work.

Declaration of new National Highways in Gujarat

603. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has made any proposals for declaring any new National Highways in the State;

(b) whether despite declaration of certain roads in Gujarat as National Highways additional grant commensurate with the increase in length has not been allotted to the State;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether having longest coast line in the country and being in proximity to all the States, traffic plying through the State is expected to increase tremendously;

(e) if so, whether Government intend to extend some additional roads leading to these ports as National Highways; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir. A number of proposals have been received from the State Government of Gujarat for the declaration of new National Highways.

(b) and (c) The allocation of funds for the development of National Highways in different States including Gujarat is made on the basis of bank of sanction, progress of works, budget provisions etc. for a particular State and not merely on the basis of length of National Highways. However, funds for maintenance and repairs of National Highways are generally based on length of National Highways in the State.

(d) As per past trends, the traffic has been increasing on various National Highways. The same trend can also be expected on National Highways in Gujarat.

(e) and (f) There is no such proposal at this stage.